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FINANCES OF THE COUNTY

Semi-Annual Reports of the Clerk and Treasurer Make a Favorable Showing.

THE DEBT HAS BEEN REDUCED

Actual Amount of Liabilities at Beginning of Year More than \$11,000 Less Than Appeared From Last Year's Reports.

The semi-annual reports of County Clerk Clinton and County Treasurer Heilborn were filed yesterday in the county court. The reports are exhaustive, showing the condition of the several funds and the amount of receipts and expenditures for the past six months—July 1, 1903, to December 31, 1903.

According to Mr. Clinton's report, the debt of the county, as appears from the statement of resources and liabilities, is \$82,418.03. However, this amount includes two sums that can not properly be regarded as figuring in the liabilities of the county. The two sums are \$13,775.13 and \$16,041.80, which have been paid out for the Nehalem road and Lewis and Clark bridge. The two improvements are made under special levies and the county will receive the money from the taxpayers. Of course, the total of \$29,816.93 is an actual liability at the present time, but provision for its payment has been made and the money will be forthcoming when the special levies are collected.

The following summary of resources and liabilities is taken from the report of Mr. Clinton:

Table with columns: Liabilities, Resources. Rows include Outstanding warrants, Cash in general fund, Cash in Nehalem road fund, etc.

The excess of liabilities is thus shown to be \$82,418.03. Deducting the \$29,816.93 advanced to the Nehalem road and Lewis and Clark bridge funds, the liabilities aggregate \$52,601.10, as compared with \$66,399.29 a year ago.

The following statement shows the condition of the warrant account of the county:

Table with columns: General fund warrants outstanding July 1, 1903, Nehalem road warrants outstanding July 1, etc.

Total \$130,105 67 Warrants since paid 13,885 60

Total outstanding warrants, all funds \$146,220 07

Cash on hand applicable to redemption all warrants 31,177 95

Balance \$55,042 01

In the account of outstanding warrants are included the two special fund obligations referred to above and aggregating \$29,816.93.

Of the total general fund warrants outstanding January 1 of \$86,210.27, there is in that fund \$23,495.38 applicable to redemption of the warrants. Treasurer Heilborn has issued calls for warrants aggregating \$7275.85 which have not been presented.

"The first reports of the year always make the poorest showing," said County Clerk Clinton yesterday. "Our next reports will be more favorable, for we will then have our taxes in. As compared with the reports of a year ago, this year's statement shows a reduction of the debt of about \$11,000, taking

into consideration the \$29,000 which the county has advanced to two special funds. The showing is, on the whole, quite satisfactory."

Principal Murder Witness Gone.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—A private message has just been received in this city from New York which announced that Mrs. Lillian Hitchcock-Coit has been in that city and had just sailed for Paris. It was subsequently learned that Mrs. Coit has arranged to be absent from San Francisco an indefinite period and before leaving this city she had turned over to the Union Trust Company all her private business affairs, accompanied with a power of attorney. Mrs. Coit is the principal witness in the case of Alexander Garnett, her relative, charged with the murder of Major McClung in her apartments in a local hotel, which comes up today in court.

MINERS ARE SATISFIED

Labor Troubles in Coal Fields of Carbon County Are Partially Settled.

COMPANY LEASES HOUSES

Employees Believe That They Have Gained Great Victory By Arrangement But Continue the Strike for Recognition.

Salt Lake, Jan. 11.—The labor troubles in the coal fields of Carbon county have been practically settled as a result of a conference between G. W. Kramer, vice-president of the Utah Fuel Company, and Attorney S. A. King, representing the strikers.

By the terms of agreement, satisfactory to both sides, the company agrees to lease for a period of six months all of the 225 houses erected by the miners on the company's property, paying therefor the lump sum of \$75,000, the amount to be paid for each individual lease to be determined by three appraisers who have already been appointed. If at the expiration of the agreement the houses have not been removed they become the property of the company. While the agreement does not affect the claims of either side in the way of adjustment of grievances it destroys any apparent reason for the strikers to remain in the district and avoids the possibility of serious trouble arising from the eviction of miners from their homes. The fight for union recognition however, will be continued indefinitely.

The agreement becomes effective at once. The strikers regard it as a victory, whereas the company officials declare that, as the strikers are no longer employed, they must leave the county.

Dock Laborers Stop Business.

New York, Jan. 11.—A strike of dock laborers and other laborers is causing serious damage to the commerce of the port, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. There are about 10,000 of the strikers and operations in the harbor are almost paralyzed. The minister of the interior has offered to mediate.

Poor Are Damaged.

New York, Jan. 11.—In view of the alleged injury to the poor class caused by the strike of the pawnbrokers as a result of a new law, cables the Lima, Peru, correspondent of the Herald, the president of the mercantile exchange has invited the pawnbrokers to meet him in conference and to discuss the situation.

REFORMATION MUCH NEEDED

Wm. J. Bryan Speaks of Shabby Condition Surrounding the American Legation.

U. S. SHOULD OWN BUILDINGS

May Appear Before Congress—He is Much Impressed With Switzerland's Democratic Form of Government.

New York, Jan. 11.—In an article upon his tour of Europe, published in the American today, William J. Bryan discusses his impressions of Switzerland and comments upon the lack of accommodations for the United States embassies and legations in all the capitals he visited. It is stated that he intends to appear before the committee of congress and plead in favor of legislation looking to the purchase of suitable property for such posts abroad.

"The trials of our diplomatic representatives in Europe, together with the high rents they are compelled to pay for their residences, have convinced me," said Mr. Bryan, "that we, as a people, are at fault in not providing permanent and appropriate domiciles for our ambassadors and ministers at foreign capitals. It is scarcely democratic to place upon an official an expense so great as to preclude the appointment of a man of moderate means. Our representatives in Europe are conspicuous in the diplomatic circle at court functions because of their modest attire, but it is not necessary that our ambassadors and ministers' homes should be on wheels in order to be democratic. I believe that our government ought to inaugurate a new policy in this matter and build in the chief capitals of foreign nations buildings suitable in every way for the residences and offices of our diplomatic representatives.

In the course of his observations upon Switzerland, Mr. Bryan said:

"I found that the people are so pleased over the popular control over government given them by the initiative and referendum, that there is no possibility that any party will attempt to attack it. Their arguments are:

"First, that the legislators, knowing that the people can initiate legislation feel less responsible; and, second, that as the legislators' actions can be reviewed by the people, the legislators are more timid about introducing needed reforms. The friends of the initiative and referendum meet these arguments by declaring that the legislators are really not relieved from responsibility, but are incited to action by the fact that the people can act in the event that their interests are neglected by the legislature and that the timidly suggested is only likely to prevent legislation when the legislature themselves doubt the merit of the proposed action.

"Dr. Adolph Deucher, president of the Swiss confederation, speaks with frankness and conviction and is as simple in his manner as the humblest of his people.

"As a nation, Switzerland, with her 5,000,000 population, does not attract the attention that neighboring nations do and in a contest of arms, excepting upon her own soil, she could not hope to achieve much, but, in that high forum, where reason rules, she is a conspicuous member of the sisterhood of nations."

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